

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully submitted.

Claims 1, 8-10, 17 18, 24, 25, 27-30 and 32-38 are pending. In the Final Office Action of October 18, 2007, the Examiner indicated that the subject matter of Claims 45-50 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including the features of any intervening claims. In response, the Applicants submitted an Amendment on December 18, 2007, that was deemed, by an Advisory Action dated January 25, 2008, to fall short of placing the claims in condition for allowance.

While the Applicants express their appreciation for the acknowledgement of allowable subject matter to the Examiner, Applicants' undersigned representative further expresses regret for the deficiencies of the previous response's attempt to place the claims in condition for allowance.

By *this* Amendment, the Applicants endeavor to correct the deficiencies of the Amendment of December 18, 2007, by more clearly amending the claims as follows:

- Claim 1 is currently amended to include the features of Claims 45 and 39;
- Claim 9 is currently amended to include the features of Claims 46 and 40;
- Claim 17 is currently amended to include the features of Claims 47 and 41;
- Claim 24 is currently amended to include the features of Claims 48 and 42;
- Claim 27 is currently amended to include the features of Claims 49 and 43; and
- Claim 29 is currently amended to include the features of Claims 50 and 44.

The remainder of pending Claims 1, 8-10, 17 18, 24, 25, 27-30 and 32-38 either directly or indirectly depend from the aforementioned amended independent claims, and are therefore believed to be in a condition for allowance. Claims 2-7, 11-16, 19-23, 26, 31, and 39-50 are either previously canceled or are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and early and forthright issuance of a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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